The State of Maryland to Edward Spedden, Gentleman, Greeting.

Be it known that We reposing especial trust and Confidence in your Patriotism valour Conduct and Fidelity, do by these presents constitute and appoint you to be Second Lieutenant of the Barge Fearnought in the Service of this State, fitted out for repelling every hostile invasion thereof, and for the Defence of our Liberties. You are therefore carefully and diligently to discharge the Duty of Second Lieutenant of the said Barge by doing and performing all manner of things thereunto belonging, according to the rules and Discipline of War, and the usage of the Sea, and the Instructions which may from Time to Time be given you. And we do strictly charge and require all Officers, Seamen, Marines, and others under your Command, to be Obedient to your Orders as Second Lieutenant of the said Barge and you are to observe and follow all such Orders and Directions which you shall receive from the Supreme Executive Power of this State. This Commission to be in force until Lawfully revoked. Given at Annapolis in Council this 23rd Day of May, A. D. 1782.

ROLL OF THE BARGE FEARNOUGHT. CAPT. SPEDDING.

THE NAMES OF MEN ENLISTED FOR THE BARGE "FEARNOUGHT."	TIME OF Inlistment.		of Residence Their Birth.	STATURE.	Complec-
Robert Burch	27 May	Talbot County		5.5	Dark
Wm. L. Merrick	27	"	"	5.5	"
George Willson	27	Caroline County		5.8	Fair
Thomas Moore	27	46	"	5.11	"
John Shipperd	28	Talbot	"	5.6	"
Thos. Shenin	28	"	"	5.8	"
John Stuart	28	"	"	5.6	Dark
Henry Buckly	28	"	"	5.9	Fair
Levi Neighbours	28	"	"	5.7	"
Thos. Ewbanks	28	"	"	6.0	"
John Jacobs, Jr.	28	"	"	5.6	Dark
Thos. Chapman		"	"	_	"
James Fleming	28	"	"	5.11	Fair
Zadok Harvey	29	Caroline	"	5.10	Dark
Chas. Price	29	Talbot	"	5.10	Fair
Richard Eaton	29	"	"	6.0	Dark
Wm. Lee	29	"	"	6.2	Fair
Wm. Low	30	"	"	5.7	"
Thos. Perry	1 June	Caroline	"	5.6	"
Henry Perry	I	"	"	5.6	"